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James G. Heller Papers**

Manuscript Collection No. 147



Collection Summary

Title	James G. Heller Papers
Dates	1905-1952
Collection Number	MS-147
Repository	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
Creator	Heller, James G. (James Gutheim), 1892-1971
Extent	0.4 linear feet (1 Hollinger box)
Language of the Material	English

Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch

James Gutheim Heller was born in New Orleans on January 4, 1892, to the famous Reform rabbi Maximilian H. Heller. He received an undergraduate degree from Tulane University, a graduate degree from the University of Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music, and was ordained a rabbi at Hebrew Union College. Heller was rabbi of Congregation Bene Yeshurun (Isaac M. Wise Temple) in Cincinnati from 1920-1952, and was involved with several organizations including the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the Labor Zionist Organization of America, and the State of Israel Bonds Organization. He was an active Zionist, and introduced Youth Temple, which was designed to bring young individuals together for religious education. Heller was also a composer and musician who wrote program notes for the Cincinnati Symphony. He died in Cincinnati on December 19, 1971.

Scope and Content

Includes correspondence, pamphlets, magazine and newspaper articles written by Heller or concerning his interests or professional activities, Heller's musical compositions, and sermons.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged in three (3) series: A. Correspondence; B. Compositions; C. Personal.

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Index Terms

Subjects	Jewish composers / Jews -- Ohio -- Cincinnati / Rabbis
Personal Names	Heller, James G. (James Gutheim), 1892-1971
Corporate Names	Congregation Bene Yeshurun (Cincinnati, Ohio)
Media	Sermons

Series A. Correspondence, 1907-1952

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1. Folder 1. A-E, General, 1910-1952

Box 1. Folder 2. Cincinnati, Ohio - Congregation. KK Bene Yeshurun [Isaac M. Wise Temple], 1920-1952, undated

Box 1. Folder 3. F-K, General (includes German reports), 1907-1938

Box 1. Folder 4. Jacobson, Marjorie M., 1935-1951, undated

Box 1. Folder 5. L-R, General, 1919-1947

Box 1. Folder 6. Little Rock, Arkansas - Congregation B'nai Israel, 1919-1920

Box 1. Folder 7. Nathan, Robert, 1950-1952

Box 1. Folder 8. S-Z, General (includes marriage certificates and report by Heller on Army and Military Government Activities in Europe, 1947), 1922-1952

Box 1. Folder 9. Society for the Publication of American Music, 1929, 1931

Box 1. Folder 10. Zionist Organization of America, 1937, 1930, undated

Box 1. Folder 11. Unidentified correspondence, 1926-1932, undated

Series B. Compositions, 1914-1951

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1. Folder 12. Sermons and writings. A-Z, 1922-1951, undated

Box 1. Folder 13. "The Burden of the West" oratorio, 1937

Box 1. Folder 14. "The Quest of the Holy Dagesh" (HUC student production), 1914

Box 1. Folder 15. Music compositions, undated

Series C. Personal, 1905-1948

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1. Folder 16. Testimonials on Heller, 1948

Box 1. Folder 17. Personal miscellaneous, 1905-1933, undated